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## CAMPAIGN BEGINS TO LIVEN UP A BIT

Race For Governor Promises to Be Warm.

### LIST OF THE STATE CANDIDATES.

Executive Committee Appoints Managers—Abbeville County Candidates—Schedule Deferred.

With the Democratic primary election more than two months away interest in the contests is beginning to be quite spirited.

The all-absorbing topic so far as State politics is concerned is the race between the present governor and Hon. Ira B. Jones, former chief justice of the supreme court.

Both candidates have been making a spirited campaign, speaking at many points in different sections of the state. On Saturday afternoon last Governor Bleasdale spoke to a large crowd at Greenwood and addressed a meeting at Ninety-Six the same evening.

The most interesting development of the week is the publication in The Augusta Chronicle of a letter from its Columbia correspondent, Joe Sparks, in which the writer advances the suggestion that Governor Bleasdale may withdraw from the race for governor and enter the lists for the senate against Senator Tillman. Here is the paragraph referring to this phase of the situation:

"It would not surprise many South Carolinians if Cole L. Bleasdale should withdraw from the race for governor and enter the race for the United States senate. He is known to have contemplated that action at one time, at least his conversation in Spartanburg would lead to that inference. He could more gracefully retire from the situation by retiring in that manner, for he would not stand a ghost of a chance to defeat Senator Tillman."

The announced candidates for State offices to date are as follows:

#### ANNOUNCED CANDIDATES.

For Governor the candidates are: Judge Ira B. Jones, Cole L. Bleasdale, the incumbent; John T. Duncan and L. S. Connor, of Orangeburg.

For United States Senator the candidates are: Senator B. R. Tillman, W. Jasper Talbert, of Edgefield, and N. B. Dial, of Laurens.

For Attorney General J. Fraser Lyon is being opposed for re-election by "Hub" Evans, of Newberry; T. H. Peoples, of Blackville, and J. R. Earle, of Coconee.

For State Treasurer the candidates are: S. T. Carter, the present chief clerk under Treasurer Jennings, and D. W. McLaurin, the present State land agent.

John G. Richards is opposed for railroad commissioner by J. H. Wharton, of Laurens, and James Candler, of Tirzah.

The State campaign will probably open in Sumter about June 18th and all indications point to a live contest, especially in the race for governor.

The qualifications necessary for voting in the primary are residence in the State for one year and the county 60 days and enrollment on the Democratic club list at least five days prior to the election.

#### IN ABBEVILLE COUNTY.

In Abbeville county the list of candidates is now pretty full and several not yet announced may enter before the time for filing begins expires.

State Senator J. Moore Mars and Probate Judge Miller hold over for two years more, but all other officers will have to be chosen at the primary election August 27.

Clerk of Court J. L. Perrin and Magistrate M. E. Hollingsworth are the only incumbents who will make the race without opposition, as far as is known.

The candidates so far announced for county offices are as follows:

House of Representatives—W. N. Graydon, J. Howard Moore, J. S. Gilbert, F. C. Robinson, Melvin J. Ashley.

Treasurer—J. F. Bradley, R. C. Wilson, W. C. Sherrard.

Superintendent of Education—J. Foster Hammond, W. R. Bradley, John B. Gilbert, C. E. Williamson, A. F. Calvert, B. M. Cheatham.

Supervisor—W. A. Stevenson, G. N. Nickels, George S. Wilson.

Sub-Supervisor—A. F. Seawright, G. W. Calvert.

Auditor—Richard Sondley, J. E. Jones.

Sheriff—C. J. Lyon, Joe B. Wilson, Joe L. Johnson.

Coroner—J. B. Winn, H. W. Bowie, M. J. Link, R. W. Smith, W. A. Gallagher, R. H. Armstrong, W. L. Darracont, L. R. Wilson.

Magistrate, Abbeville Township—M. E. Hollingsworth.

Among those who have been mentioned as probable candidates, but of whose candidacy no definite announcement has yet been made, may be mentioned: For the house, Mr. R. E. Cox, whose friends are still insisting that he make the race, and Dr. P. B. Carville, for superintendent of education, Mr. Martin, for sub-supervisor, Mr. W. T. Magill.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS.

On Monday the county Democratic executive committee met at the court house to transact business pertaining to the primary.

The schedule for the county meetings was discussed, but no action was taken, the matter being deferred to the meeting which will be held on the first Monday in July.

The committee fixed August 3, at 6 o'clock, as the date upon which the lists will close for candidates, and no pledge will be accepted after that day and hour.

The committee appointed managers at the several precincts as follows, after which adjournment was had until sales-day in July:

Abbeville No. 1: W. P. Greene, W. B. Perrin, and Paul Anderson. Abbeville No. 2: J. L. Clark, F. W. R. Nance, T. C. Seal.

## LAY CORNERSTONE OF McCORMICK SCHOOL

Interesting Exercises Held Last Thursday.

### LAID WITH MASONIC CEREMONIES.

Some Notable Addresses—Prof. Hand Compliments Community—Splendid Dinner.

On last Thursday, May 20, 1912, the cornerstone of the McCormick High School was laid with interesting ceremonies and instructive speeches.

The day was ideal and a large number of people were out to witness the ceremonies and hear the talks.

The building is the best in the county outside of Abbeville. It has eight large rooms, each connected with a cloak room and well ventilated, an important requisite to all school rooms. It is situated in the grove where the former wooden structure stood, which, in its time, was considered a model of architecture as a school building. The former building was presented to the town by Mrs. McCormick together with the lot on which it stood.

Grand Master of South Carolina Masons, the Hon. George S. Mower of Newberry, was expected to take charge of ceremonies in the laying of the stone. He was not present, and in his absence Solicitor R. A. Cooper officiated.

For a while there was some doubt as to whether the ceremonies could go on owing to the fact that the stone was to be laid in the wall instead of a corner. Mr. Cooper, after sending several telegrams to men high in authority in the Masonic fraternity was finally advised that if the stone was to be a part of the wall it would be all right to proceed.

Owing to the delay Mr. Hand, of the S. C. University, made his speech before the ceremonies of laying the stone were begun. All are acquainted with Prof. Hand. He is a most pleasant speaker, full of wit, repartee and common sense, and it is needless to say that his speech was closely listened to by all present. It contained words of rich commendation, congratulation and advice for the people of McCormick and especially for the patrons of the schools.

The speakers were introduced by Mr. Frank Robinson, who after the laying of the stone, announced dinner for all on the school grounds. And such a dinner would have made Epicurus to know that he had not lived but had simply existed. It was a barbecue and picnic dinner in one, and enough to feed as many more. The good women of McCormick have the thanks of a host of visitors, candidates included, for a most enjoyable feast.

While in McCormick many visited the gold mine which is being worked there. A large number of hands are busy with improved machinery excavating and getting out ore preparatory to milling.

### PROF. WATKINS TO BELTON

Prof. J. B. Watkins, who was Superintendent of the Honea Path Graded school for a number of years, has accepted the Superintendentcy of the Belton High and Graded schools. Prof. Watkins has conducted a private school in Anderson for the past year. Belton is, indeed, fortunate in securing Prof. Watkins as there is "none better" in the State.

### Withdraws From Race.

Mr. B. H. Williams announces that he has withdrawn from the race for coroner, on account of removal from the county.

### Annual Picnics.

Among the enjoyable occasions of the week was the annual picnic of Central School, in Long Cane township, which was given last Saturday.

Another picnic of the week was that given by Bethel School at Mineral Springs last Friday.

Cotton Mill: Charlie Edmonds, J. T. Evans, Jim Faulkner.

Antreville: L. O. Robinson, L. Z. Alewine, F. A. Fleming.

Catworth's X Roads: Joe J. Link, Jno. Brown, J. C. Dansby.

Cold Springs: W. R. Ellis, J. K. Carville, S. H. Sharp.

Donalds: C. V. Martin, D. S. Kennedy, R. L. Barmore.

Hampton: C. E. McLain, N. E. Cromer, J. H. Caldwell.

Hillsville: W. S. Gordon, J. A. Ellis, R. W. Hawthorne.

Keowee: F. K. Ashley, R. T. McMahon, Bradley Ricketts.

Level Land: W. W. Willson, P. C. Ellis, R. L. Young.

Long Cane: D. P. Hannah, A. O. Calvert, A. B. Robinson.

Lowndesville, No. 1: M. W. Tucker, W. W. Boles, J. W. McCalla.

Lowndesville, No. 2: R. J. Broadwell, J. M. Wright, G. W. McNair.

Means Chapel: T. O. Price, O. S. Cochran, W. L. Cochran.

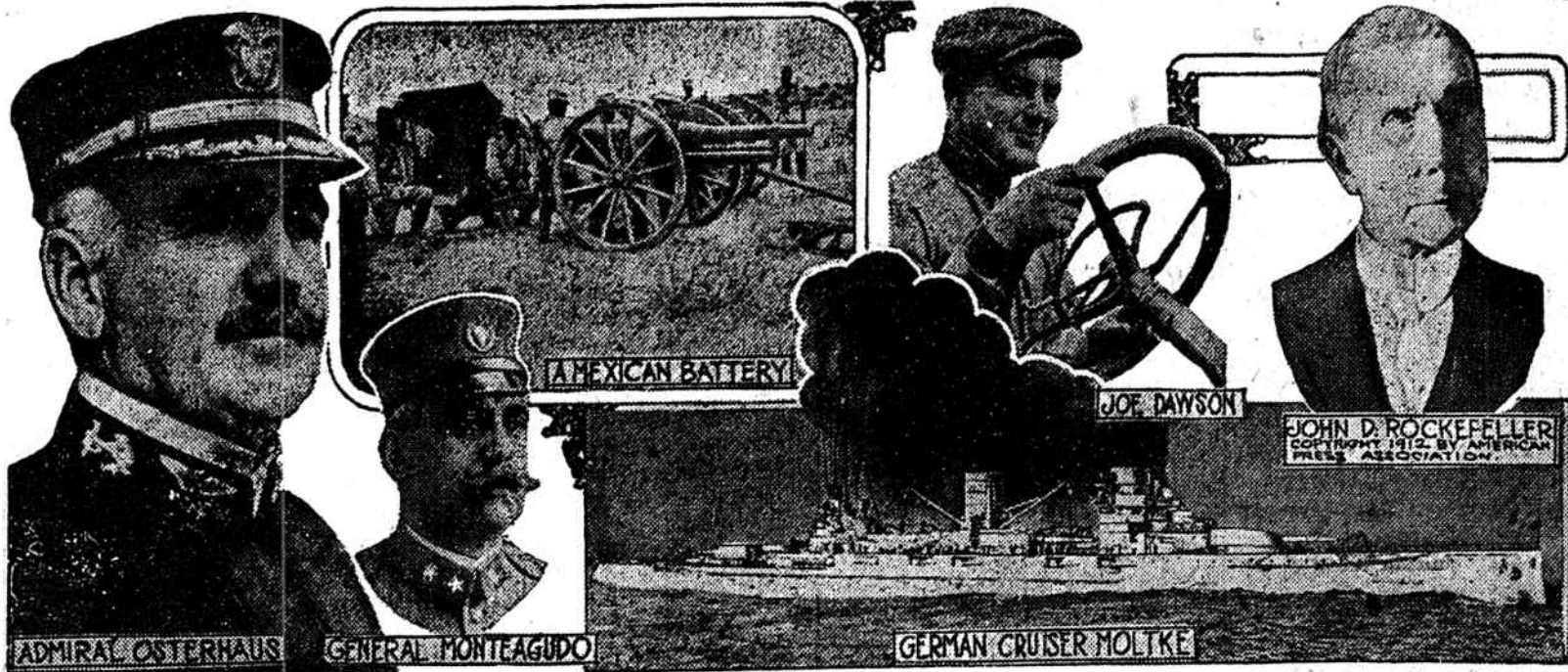
Mountain View: Enoch Nance, John McMahon, B. L. Clinkscales.

Mt. Carmel: T. W. Mars, J. R. Tarrant, J. T. Hester.

Rock Springs: J. A. Black, J. R. Shirefield, Will Coleman.

Youngs School House: J. A. Brown, W. K. Long, J. A. Young.

The next meeting of the Committee will be on the 1st Monday in July, when the county campaign will be arranged.



## News Snapshots Of the Week

President Gomez of Cuba requested President Taft not to issue orders of intervention until it was absolutely necessary, declaring that Cuba could overcome the uprising herself. General Montenegro is in command of the federal forces and Admiral Hugo Osterhaus is in charge of the American fleet. The German cruisers Moltke, Bremen and Stettin arrived in New York harbor on their official visit to this country. Joe Dawson, driving a National car, won the 500 mile Memorial day race at Indianapolis in 6 hours 21 minutes, creating a new world's record. Mexican federals under the command of General Huerta took possession of the cities of Juarez and Parral after sharp skirmishing. John D. Rockefeller was a witness in a suit brought against the Standard Oil company in New York.

## FIREMEN OF STATE TO HOLD TOURNAMENT

Will Take Place at Rock Hill June 25, 26, 27.

### ABBEVILLE AFTER NEXT MEETING

Mayor Gambrell and Two Delegates Will Attend—No Team From Here.

All arrangements have been completed for the holding of the annual tournament and convention of the State Fireman's Association at Rock Hill, June 25, 26, 27. The railroads have granted reduced rates for delegates and contestants and free transportation of apparatus to and from Rock Hill. The attendance will no doubt be large and a real good time is in store for those who may be fortunate enough to attend. An attractive prize list is offered by the citizens of Rock Hill.

The Abbeville Fire Company, having been only recently organized, will not send a team to take part in tournament, but some of the boys will go along to learn everything possible in order that they may be in shape to make a try for some of the honors at the next meet.

At the last regular meeting of the city council Mayor Gambrell was authorized to appoint two delegates to the convention and to make an effort to secure the next tournament for Abbeville. As Dr. Gambrell generally gets what he goes after we may reasonably expect to have the next tournament take place here. The firemen will find that Abbeville knows how to entertain should they decide to accept the offer of her hospitality.

## STUDY OF PELLEGRA BEGINS AT SPARTANBURG

Thompson McFadden Commission Has Begun Investigations With Two Experts on the Ground

Spartanburg, May 31.—No time has been lost by the Thompson-McFadden pellagra commission in beginning its work. Two of the physicians composing the commission, Dr. Joseph E. Siler of the U. S. A., and Dr. Phillip E. Garrison, U. S. N., arrived in Spartanburg Thursday, and the third, Dr. Ward J. MacNeal of the New York Post-Graduate Hospital and Medical School, will come tomorrow. Thirty-five cases of pellagra have been located in the county and three of them will be sent to New York next week for treatment and study. Drs. Siler and Garrison spoke to the Spartanburg county medical society today, outlining their plans, and were assured of the local physicians' cooperation.

Drs. Siler and Garrison will devote most of their time to field work. They propose to make a thorough study of the conditions in the homes of pellagrins, their manner of life and diet. Their chief aim is to discover the cause of the baffling disease. None of the navy theories which have been proposed have been substantiated.

The commission will inquire into the merits of all the suggestions as to the cause of the disease. One of the most recent theories is that of Dr. Sanborn, of the London school of tropical medicine, who has suggested that pellagra is caused by the bite of a genus of blood-sucking flies, of which the buffalo gnat is a common species. Dr. L. O. Howard, head of the bureau of entomology of the department of agriculture, has promised to send an entomologist to Spartanburg to cooperate with the commission in an investigation of this theory.

### Loeb-Rosenberg.

The following announcement of the engagement of Dr. Herbert Rosenberg to Miss Rosalie Loeb, of Atlanta, will be of interest:

Dr. Herbert Jerome Rosenberg, Atlanta, Georgia. Miss Rosalie Johannah Loeb, Betrothed.

At home, Sunday, June the second, 439 Washington Street.

Dr. Rosenberg, who is a prominent young physician of Atlanta, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Rosenberg, of this city.—Greenwood Index.

## TRACTOR PURCHASED BY THE COUNTY

Road Working Machine Proves Satisfactory.

### PARTIES FROM OTHER COUNTIES.

Aiken County Officials Have Purchased and Chester About to Close Trade.

After a trial of 10 days—during which the machine proved satisfactory—the county board has decided to purchase a Titan tractor for use on the county's highways.

Mr. W. A. Stevenson, our efficient supervisor, is determined that Abbeville county shall occupy first rank when it comes to good roads, and he proposes to leave nothing undone that will forward the improvement of our highways.

On Friday last the tractor worked over eight miles of road from 11 a. m. to 7 p. m., pulling two scrapers and a split-log drag, completing the road-grading and drainage of the entire distance within that time, using three hands.

Supervisor Stevenson estimates that, in addition to performing the service required in a more satisfactory and expeditious manner, this tractor will save the county practically \$4.50 a day over mule power rendering a like service.

Two members of the Aiken county board of commissioners were in Abbeville last week to inspect the work of this machine and closed the trade for one before leaving.

From Chester county there were also two members of the county board, and they expected to complete arrangements for the purchase of a tractor immediately upon their return home.

## ACREAGE IS CUT VERY LITTLE

Reports Indicate 6 Per Cent. Decrease in Cotton Crop Much Later Than Last Year

Memphis, Tenn., June 2.—The Commercial-Appeal tomorrow will say:

"Reports of correspondents of date May 28 and 29, indicate a probable decrease in the acreage planted to cotton this season of 6 per cent. These figures are, however, more than usually intimate as considerable painting remains to be done over wide areas. Correspondents estimate on the condition of crop as compared to normal indicate a percentage of 80 to 83."

The crop is later than last year in all States save the two Carolinas and Texas and over the whole belt the land preparation is less thorough and planting was begun at a later date than last year. Rapid germination has, however, done much to restore the time lost.

The plant is generally healthy and growing thriftily and where it is advanced enough cultivation in making normal progress.

In detail returns show as follows: South Carolina, acreage decreased 9 per cent.

Alabama, acreage decreased 12 per cent.

Mississippi, acreage decreased 11 per cent.

Tennessee, acreage decreased 13 per cent.

Missouri, acreage decreased 15 per cent.

Arkansas, acreage decreased 12 per cent.

Texas, acreage increased 3 per cent.

Georgia, acreage decreased 11 per cent.

North Carolina, acreage decreased 9 per cent.

### Rejuvenated.

Anderson Daily Mail.

Just take a look at our rejuvenated neighbor, the Abbeville Press and Banner. The people over there should appreciate the work of Thornley Walker, the new head of the paper.

If you will use DeVoe's Lead and Zinc Paint and pure linseed oil, which you can get at Speed's Drug Store, you won't make a mistake.

## \$5,000,000 OF BONDS STATE WILL ISSUE

To Retire All Outstanding Bonds.

### OFFICERS INVESTIGATING MARKET.

Act Passed at Last Session of Legislature—Sinking Fund Commission to Have Charge.

Columbia, May 30.—A committee consisting of Attorney General J. Fraser Lyon, Comptroller General A. W. Jones and Lowndes J. Browning, chairman of the ways and means committee of the last house of representatives, was authorized today by the sinking fund committee to take the preliminary steps necessary for the issuance of the \$5,000,000 worth of state refunding bonds, authorized by the last legislature.

The committee will canvas the bond market of the country and will find out what objections, if any, investors will raise to the constitutionality of the proposed bonds. If any shall be raised, the attorney general will file suit in the supreme court to have the legality of the act tested. The bonds are for the purpose of refunding all the state's outstanding indebtedness, and will be issued next January.

### DEFENDANTS ACQUITTED

In the Famous Label Case Last Saturday. Verdict Reached After Three Hours Deliberation

"Not guilty" was the verdict returned by the jury yesterday afternoon in the "label case," after deliberating for two hours and 45 minutes. The three defendants—L. W. Boykin, John Bell Towill and W. O. Tatum—former State dispensary officials, were charged with conspiracy to defraud the State in connection with the purchase of 21,000,000 labels. The case was tried in the Richland court last September and resulted in a mistrial. It was called again in the Richland court last September and resulted in a mistrial. It was called again in the Richland court last Thursday and the jury delivered its verdict yesterday afternoon.

Just before the jury took the case yesterday at 2:30 o'clock J. Fraser Lyon, attorney general, announced to the court that since W. O. Tatum, one of the defendants, had gone on the stand and testified freely he would not ask the jury to convict him. The attorney general said that he would not prosecute Tatum's case, but simply submitted to the jury that in his opinion the defendant Tatum was innocent.

### Bitterly Contested

The jury reached a verdict at 5:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon, but it was not announced until 5:50 p. m., as Judge Gary was not in the court room. The "label case" has taken up practically all the time of the court during the last three days. It was bitterly contested from start to finish.

The defense offered yesterday only five more witnesses—Willie Jones of Columbia, P. H. Corley of Columbia, S. B. George of Lexington, S. J. Leaphart of Lexington and F. H. Hendrix of Leesville—each of whom testified that John Bell Towill bore a good reputation. After these witnesses were heard the defense rested its case.

The arguments were begun at 10 o'clock and lasted until 2:10 p. m., being interrupted by the reading of the report of the grand jury. The State and defense were both allowed two hours for presenting their cases to the jury.

### The Arguments

The State had the right to the opening and closing argument. J. Fraser Lyon, attorney general, spoke first, and W. F. Stevenson of Cheraw last for the State. W. H. Cobb, solicitor, made the other arguments for the State.

For the defense E. L. Asbill of Lexington, R. H. Welch of Columbia, John G. McLaughlin of Columbia and P. H.

## BLACKSBURG FIRE CAUSES BIG LOSS

Flames Destroy Business Section of Town.

### LOSS MAY REACH \$100,000

Eleven Stores Fell in Path of Destructive Blaze, Including Iron City Hotel Building.

#### Special to The State.

Gaffney, May 31.—Fire which started at 3 o'clock this morning burned the business section of Blacksburg to the ground, 11 stores suffering from the flames at a loss which totals approximately \$100,000. While some estimate that the loss may not exceed \$75,000, the first figure is generally conceded to be nearer the actual loss.

#### BEGAN AT EARLY HOUR.

The fire was discovered shortly before 3 o'clock in a building occupied by the White Front grocery on Main street. The alarm was given, but with absolutely no apparatus for fighting fire and a strong wind blowing, the property owners were helpless and stood by watching the buildings burn. While the fire was confined to one side of the street there was some hope entertained for saving a part of the business section, but when the strong wind fanned the flames across and the Iron City hotel building, the largest building in the town, was ignited all hope was given up.

The fire spread rapidly and in a few minutes the business part of the town was in ruins, five stores being burned on one side of the street and six on the other. When the walls of the hotel building collapsed the debris fell through the roof of the Bank of Blacksburg, completely demolishing the interior of the bank and tearing down the walls of this building. The origin of the fire is unknown.

### DEATH OF CAPT. WILLIAMS

The many friends of Capt. Newt Williams, in Abbeville, will regret to hear of his death which occurred at his daughters, near Anderson, on Sunday afternoon. Capt. Williams gave up his run between Abbeville and Hodges some time ago on account of his health and soon afterwards he and his wife moved to Mrs. J. N. Anderson's, where they have since lived. The funeral exercises were held Monday afternoon and the interment was in Silver Brook cemetery at Anderson.

Capt. M. B. Syfan and others attended the funeral from Abbeville.

M. J. Butler, colored, who was Capt. Williams' faithful porter for a number of years also attended the funeral.

### "LAND OF SKY."

Southern Ry. Issues Descriptive Booklet—Improved Service.

Asheville, N. C. May 29.—Picturing the grandeur of the "Land of the Sky" region in a most elaborately illustrated booklet, the Southern Railway is this season advertising to the world the fact that, aside from their agricultural preeminence, the South lays proud claim to a resort more beautiful in scenery and healthful in climate than any in all America.

The views in the booklet are true to life and many of them are in colors. The high mountains, the broad fertile valleys, trout streams, water falls, fountains, farm houses, balsam forests, riding parties, hotels, handsome dwellings and other attractions are all arranged in a most entrancing manner, and together with a graphic story furnish a complete and representative idea of the beauties and advantages of this famous region.

In Asheville and other resort points of Western North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee preparations are being made to care for the largest summer crowds on record, and the Southern Railway has arranged to provide new and improved service in anticipation of increased travel in this direction.

Nelson of Columbia addressed the jury.

After the last argument the attorney general announced that he would not ask the jury for a verdict of guilty as to W. O. Tatum.

Judge Ernest Gary finished his charge to the jury at 2:30 p. m.

The jury returned its verdict of not guilty at 5:50 p. m.

## TERRIBLE ACCUSATION AGAINST VAUGHN

Former Superintendent of Odd Fellows Orphanage.

### ARREST MADE, SPEEDY TRIAL ASKED.

Charged With Assault Upon Orphan Child In His Charge.

In consequence of a meeting of the board of trustees of the South Carolina Odd Fellows Orphanage held in this city Wednesday night, says the Greenville News, a warrant was yesterday morning issued for the arrest of T. U. Vaughn, erstwhile superintendent of the Orphan Home, 'charging him with rape, the alleged victim being one of the little orphan girl under his charge. The warrant has been placed in the hands of Sheriff J. Perry Poole for service, but as yet, he has been unable to apprehend the accused.

Concerning the matter, a member of the board of trustees, who took the lead in the investigation leading up to the swearing out of the warrant against Vaughn, dictated the following statement 'to a representative of The News:

"About two weeks ago the board of trustees learned that former Superintendent T. U. Vaughn was implicated in some very serious conduct. A full investigation was made and Mr. Vaughn was summoned before the board. He came and denied the charges and we dispersed.

"A subsequent meeting of the board was called by the chairman, and Vaughn was served with a notice to attend the meeting, by mail and otherwise, but could not be reached. His family have not been at home in the city for two weeks. His brother, a student at Furman University, is said to occupy the house at night, and told the messenger of the board of trustees that T. U. Vaughn had gone north.

"A meeting of the trustees having been set for May 29th, and having been unable to reach Mr. Vaughn, a warrant was sworn out for his arrest, charging an unmentionable offense with one of the inmates of the Orphan's home. This warrant was placed in the hands of Sheriff J. Perry Poole, but up to the present he has not apprehended Vaughn.

"The board did not care to make any public announcement, but rumors having been published already the salient facts are now given out. Grand Master James H. Craig of Anderson, will immediately address personal letters to all the lodges of the state, so that any uncertainty in the minds of the members may be set at rest. This letter will be read in all the lodges, and will not be published in the newspapers. It will be an official statement concerning the entire matter.

"The purpose of Vaughn's trip north, if he has gone, is not known. It is known that he offered before leaving to sell his beautiful new residence in which he has been living since leaving the orphanage the first of the year. So far as is known no conveyance of the property has been made.

"It is reported that his family is in the neighborhood of Tigerville, with Mrs. Vaughn's people. Numerous persons who have known him favorably and esteemed him highly are shocked by the report. Suffice it to say, the board of trustees have made every effort possible to find out the truth, and having become convinced that it is true and that it is their duty to prosecute at law, no effort will be spared to fix the blame and vindicate the truth."

Wednesday night, it is said, three men, a committee from the board of trustees, went to Vaughn's house, having reason to believe that Vaughn was in hiding there. One of the committee approached the house from the front, while another approached from the side and another from the rear. The house was in darkness. Shortly after the party knocked at the front light was turned on in the interior and Vaughn's brother, the University student, answered the door, and was armed with a gun. Being assured that the committee's mission was a peaceable one, the young man opened the door and gave the information that his brother had gone north.

For a